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1. NORWAY CONTINUES EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND EMBASSY ASSESSMENT REPORTED REF B REMAINS COMPLETELY VALID. AS INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, HOWEVER, NORWEGIAN POLICY IS STILL MARKED BY POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED RELUCTANCE TO PUBLICLY IDENTIFY AND CRITICIZE OBVIOUS VIOLATIONS AMONG MANY COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIPS OR LDC'S.

2. NORWAY'S HIGH REGARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ALSO REFLECTED IN DOMESTIC LEGAL UNDERPINNING WHICH CONTAINS FULL RANGE OF SAFEGUARDS, PROVISIONS, AND GUARANTEES OF BASIC HUMAN LIBERTIES. NORWAY IS SIGNATORY TO ALL MAJOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS INCLUDING EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS. DOMESTIC LEGISLATION IS MODIFIED, WHEN NECESSARY, TO COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL AUTHORITIES

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MAINTAIN THAT NORWEGIAN DOMESTIC PRACTICE INEVITABLY

EXCEEDS STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS OR DECLARATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THERE IS NO PROVISION IN NORWEGIAN LAW PERMITTING THE SUSPENSION OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES DURING PERIODS OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

3. DETAILS ON THE LEGAL GUARANTEES OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN NORWAY ARE SUBMITTED PERIODICALLY TO VARIOUS UN ORGANS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED PERTINENT EXCERPTS OF THESE REPORTS (IN ENGLISH) BY FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND WILL TRANSMIT THEM BY AIRGRAM WHEN RECEIVED.
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